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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 March 1956
Room 2125, "M" Building
Central Intelligence Agency

(If no objections are received to these minutes by 16 April 1956, concurrence will be assumed.)

Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

Mr. Earl W. Cox	Army, Chairman	
Mr. Francis Armbruster	Air Force	
Dr. Herbert Ashton	Commerce	
	CIA	25X1A9a
LCDR. William J. Doyle	Navy	
	CIA	25X1A9a
Lt. J.A. Dugger	Navy	
Capt. William B. Fowlkes	JCS	
	CIA	25X1A9a
Mr. Paul Houck	Air Force	
Mr. H. Frank McCaffrey	OSD	
	CIA, EIC, Executive Secretary	25X1A9a
Dr. Gustave Pollaczek	State	
Lt. Col. K.S. Vandergrift	Army	
	CIA, Executive Secretary	25X1A9a

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Information: Mr. Earl Cox, Chairman of the Subcommittee, reported that the establishment of a full-time inter-agency working group on inland transportation was well under way. Three Army members have already been appointed and letters concerning notification of its formation and an invitation to join the group have been distributed to interested members. (REF: TSC-M-38 29 December 1955, Para. 8; TSC-M-39, 3 February 1956, Para. 1).

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

2. Information: [REDACTED], Executive Secretary of the Sub- 25X1A9a
committee, reported the following:

a. Dr. Pollaczek of the State Department, in a memorandum to the Executive Secretary, pointed out that Soviet specialists recently visited France to inspect the inland waterway system of that country. This action suggests a freer exchange of transportation specialists between Bloc and non-Bloc countries in the future.

b. The Economic Intelligence Committee has decided that EIC-R1-S5 (Communist China's Imports and Exports, 1954, Trade and Transport Involved) is to be a United States report on China trade and has suggested that the overland transport section of this report be essentially a review and updating of last year's report. Members were requested to review and update last year's overland transport section, especially with regard to roads and railroads not presently being examined in EIC-R9-S1 (Capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad and Connecting Lines in Manchuria and Korea).
ACTION: Members agreed to submit comments to the Secretariat on or before 1 May 1956.

25X1A9a c. Copies of Soviet Transportation Policy, Vol. II, by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] were distributed to the members for information.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TSC WORKING GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF INLAND WATERWAY CAPACITY

3. Information: Lt. Col. Vandergrift of the Transportation Intelligence Agency reported that the Working Group under Lt. Col. H.P. Brann is now completing editorial work and appendices of the methodology paper for determining inland waterway capacity. It was expected that the work would be finished in about three weeks. (REF: TSC-M-39, 3 February 1956)

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TSC WORKING GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF PORT CAPACITY

4. Information: Lt. Col. Vandergrift of TIA reported that Mr. Donald Allen of the Chief of Engineers, Army, and Chairman of the Working Group was attending a [REDACTED] meeting. [REDACTED] of CIA then read a report on the progress 25X1X7
of the Working Group prepared by [REDACTED] CIA member of the Group. 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] report stated that the Group has considered and agreed upon 25X1A9a
certain general conditions which affect the use of either the factor or the 25X1A9a
formula methodology and has considered the use and the assumptions controlling
the use of the former method. Agreement has been reached on most of the

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assumptions intended for consideration. The lack of a conclusive definition of the factor and the conditions under which it was derived, however, has impeded progress of this discussion. The group intends to complete the factor method before considering the formula method.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD (ETC-R9-S1)

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5. Information: [REDACTED] of CIA, Chairman of the Group, reported the following:

Drafts of sections of the project assigned to TIA and ESID will be completed within a few weeks; research has been delayed at AFOIN by other commitments with shorter deadlines; basic operational factors are being assembled in CIA; an intensive review of the rail capability methodology has been completed by [REDACTED], CIA consultant; and ONI has recently assumed responsibility for the ocean transport section.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON AGREED BASIC STATISTICS

6. Information: Mr. Francis Armbruster, Air Force, submitted rail transport statistics on Hungary, East Germany, and Poland to the Secretariat. The Executive Secretary then proposed that the Air Force statistics be distributed to the members of the Subcommittee and that CIA and Air Force statistics be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Members agreed to discuss these statistics at next meeting.

FORMATION OF A TSC WORKING GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF HIGHWAY CAPACITY

7. Action: The Subcommittee established a Working Group for the Study of Highway Capacity and, on suggestion of Lt. Col. Vandergrift, appointed [REDACTED] of the Transportation Engineering Coordination Branch its Chairman. Mr. Coxe recommended that the Secretariat call a meeting of the Group on 6 April 1956 and that members inform Lt. Askin of the names of any representatives that they wish to include in the Group.

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Information: Lt. Col. Vandergrift of the Transportation Intelligence Agency reported that TIA, in conjunction with the Bureau of Public Roads has completed in draft a study on methodology for determining highway capacity,

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and suggested that this paper be used as a starting point for a TSC Working Group for the Study of Highway Capacity. (REF: TSC-M-39, 3 February 1956, Para. 4)

REVIEW OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RESEARCH AND COLLECTION DEFICIENCY STUDIES BY MEMBER AGENCIES

8. Information: Mr. Francis Ambruster of Air Force reported that collection and research deficiency studies on Bloc civil air transportation by AFOIN-2 will be submitted to the Subcommittee by 10 May 1956 (REF: TSC-M-39, 3 February 1956)

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

9. Information: Lt. Col. Vandergrift of TIA reported that the Association of American Railways has received an inquiry from an unnamed American exporter concerning the possibility of several Soviet officials visiting the Budd, Pullman, A.C. and F. (American Car and Foundry) railroad car manufacturing plants in connection with the purchasing of a minimum of \$50,000,000 worth of American railroad equipment. These officials would include the Soviet Deputy Minister of Railroads, the Soviet Commercial Attache and the head of AMTORG.

Mr. Francis Ambruster of Air Force reported that AFOIN is in the process of coding all target installations on IBM cards and asked that interested members consult with him concerning this operation. [REDACTED] of CIA indicated an intention to consult with AFOIN regarding this project.

Mr. Coxe, Army, reported that TIA intends to publish an Intelligence Review item on the Five Year Plan for Transportation in the USSR. Mr. Ambruster, Air Force, reported that AFOIN intends to publish a similar item in an Air Intelligence Digest. Air Force and Army agreed to coordinate findings. [REDACTED] reported that CIA intends to publish an Intelligence Memorandum on this subject and would be pleased to discuss it with other members.

[REDACTED] reported that CIA is working on a new railroad map of the USSR including new and planned narrow and standard gauge, single-track, double-track and electrified rail lines.

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Executive Secretary